

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the present application. In the above amendments, claims 1, 7, 13 and 19 have been amended. Therefore, after entry of the above amendments, claims 1-24 will be pending in this application. Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance, which prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

The independent claims 1, 7, 13 and 19 of the Applicants' claimed invention have been amended in a manner that overcomes the previous rejection. That is, Kailin et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,058,308) does not disclose, teach or suggest the feature of "receiving registration from the MS when a number of cells identified in a first list is equal to a predetermined limit." The added feature to the independent claims is discussed in at least Col. 9, lines 59 – Col. 10, lines 40, as well as in Fig. 11. These features provide for optimizing registration and paging in a group communication system such that the frequency of registration and the area of paging mobile stations are minimized.

In view of the foregoing distinctions, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 1, 7, 13 and 19 are patentably distinguished over the cited art. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 7, 13 and 19 are in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claims 1, 7, 13 and 19.

Claims 2-6, 8-12, 14-18 and 20-24 depend either directly or indirectly from one of the independent claims. Each dependent claim further defines the independent claim from which it depends. In view of the foregoing remarks regarding Claims 1, 7, 13 and 19, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 2-6, 8-12, 14-18 and 20-24 are likewise in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request allowance of dependent Claims 2-6, 8-12, 14-18 and 20-24.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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